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DATE: February 9, 2009

TO: All Local Health Departments
Attn: Chief Food Specialist

FROM: A. Scott Gilliam, MBA, CP-FS
Manager, Food Protection Program

SUBJECT: Coblentz Chocolate Company-Peanut Recall

SUGGESTED ACTION: Peanut Recall; Due to *Salmonella typhimurium*; Recommend notification of affected stores via phone, fax or e-mail.

From the information provided by FDA, the recalled products were distributed in the State of Indiana. The recalled products were distributed to Sue's Hallmark in Terra Haute IN. In addition, if any recalled product is found, please notify this office at 317-233-7360.

Coblentz Chocolate Company Recalls Items Because of Possible Health Risk

Contact:
Jason Coblentz
30-893-2995

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE --February 6, 2009 -- Coblentz Chocolate Company of Walnut Creek, OH is recalling its 10 oz. and 12 oz. packages of Bridge Mix, Chocolate Bridge Mix, Chocolate Peanuts, No Sugar Added Chocolate Peanuts, and No Sugar Added Bridge Mix, because they have the potential to be contaminated with *Salmonella*, an organism which can cause serious and sometimes fatal infections in young children, frail or elderly people, and others with weakened immune systems. Healthy persons infected with *Salmonella* often experience fever, diarrhea (which may be bloody), nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. In rare circumstances, infection with *Salmonella* can result in the organism getting into the bloodstream and producing more severe illnesses such as arterial infections (i.e., infected aneurism), endocarditis and arthritis.

The recalled items listed above were distributed to select retail outlets.

The product comes in either a clear plastic bag or a clear tub.

No illnesses have been reported to date in connection with this problem.

The potential for contamination was noted after our supplier of this product notified us of its potential source.

Consumers who have purchased the items listed above are urged to return them to the place of purchase for a full refund.
Consumers with questions may contact the company at 330-893-2995.

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